WHY...

...HAVE YOU COME TO ME?

BECAUSE YOU
ALREADY KNOW
THE ANSWER.

HUHU...
IS THAT WHY YOU FOLLOWED ME?
YES.
I INTENDED TO GET THE ANSWER FROM YOU UNNOTICED.

BUT YOU WERE DISCOVERED,
AND YOUR BODY AND VOICE SEEM BADLY HURT.
WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

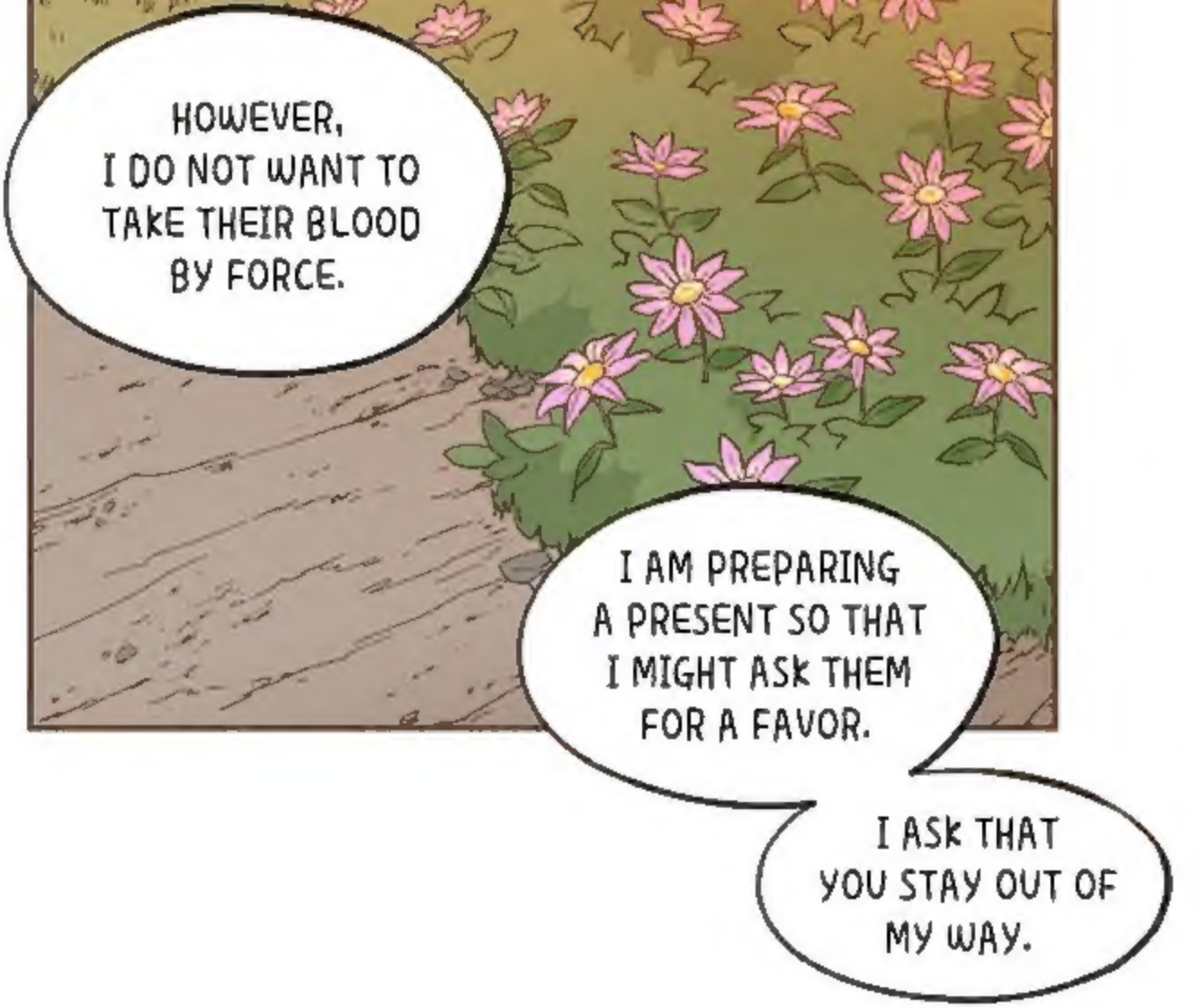
I WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE ANSWER FOR MYSELF.

ARE YOU THINKING OF THREATENING ME?

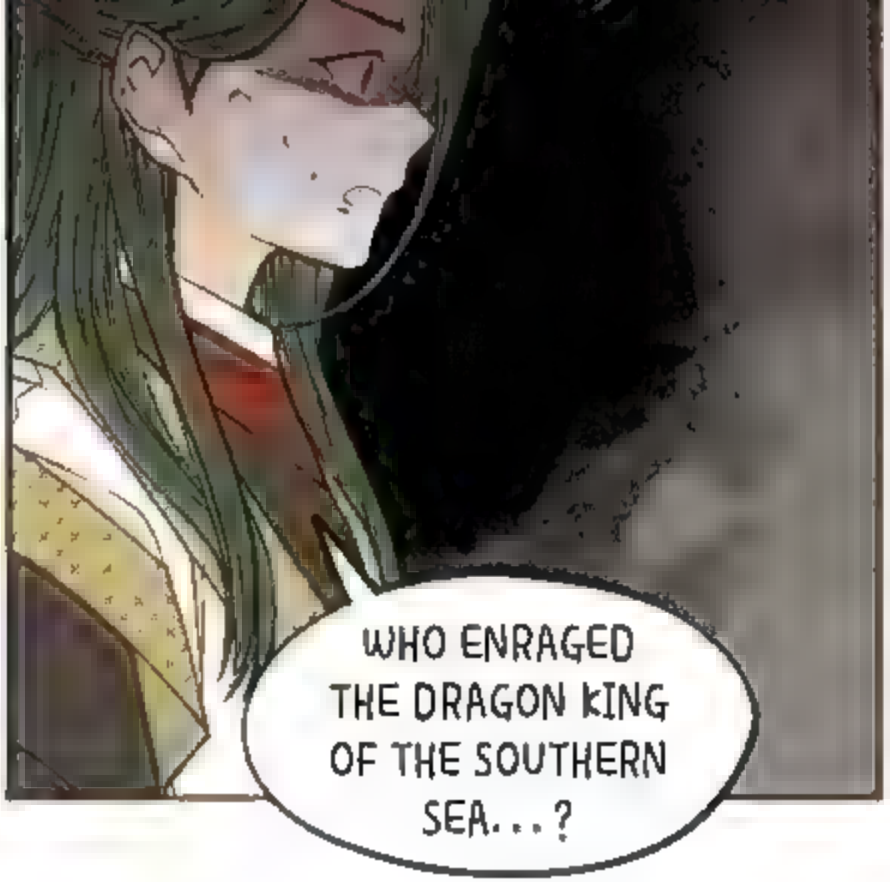
YES.
IF THAT IS NOT ENOUGH, I WILL USE FORCE.

WHOOOSH

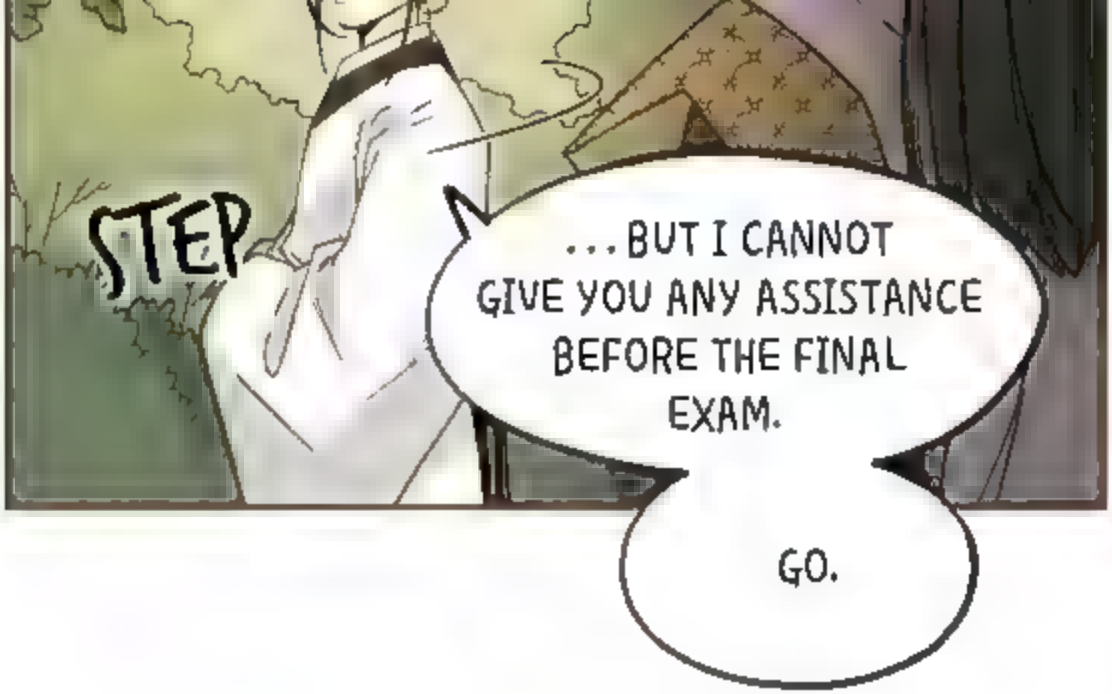
VERY WELL.
I DO HAVE A FEELING AS TO WHAT THE ANSWER IS.
SIGH


HOWEVER,
I DO NOT WANT TO
TAKE THEIR BLOOD
BY FORCE.
I AM PREPARING
A PRESENT SO THAT
I MIGHT ASK THEM
FOR A FAVOR.
I ASK THAT
YOU STAY OUT OF
MY WAY.

WHO IS IT?


WHO ENRAGED THE DRAGON KING OF THE SOUTHERN SEA...?

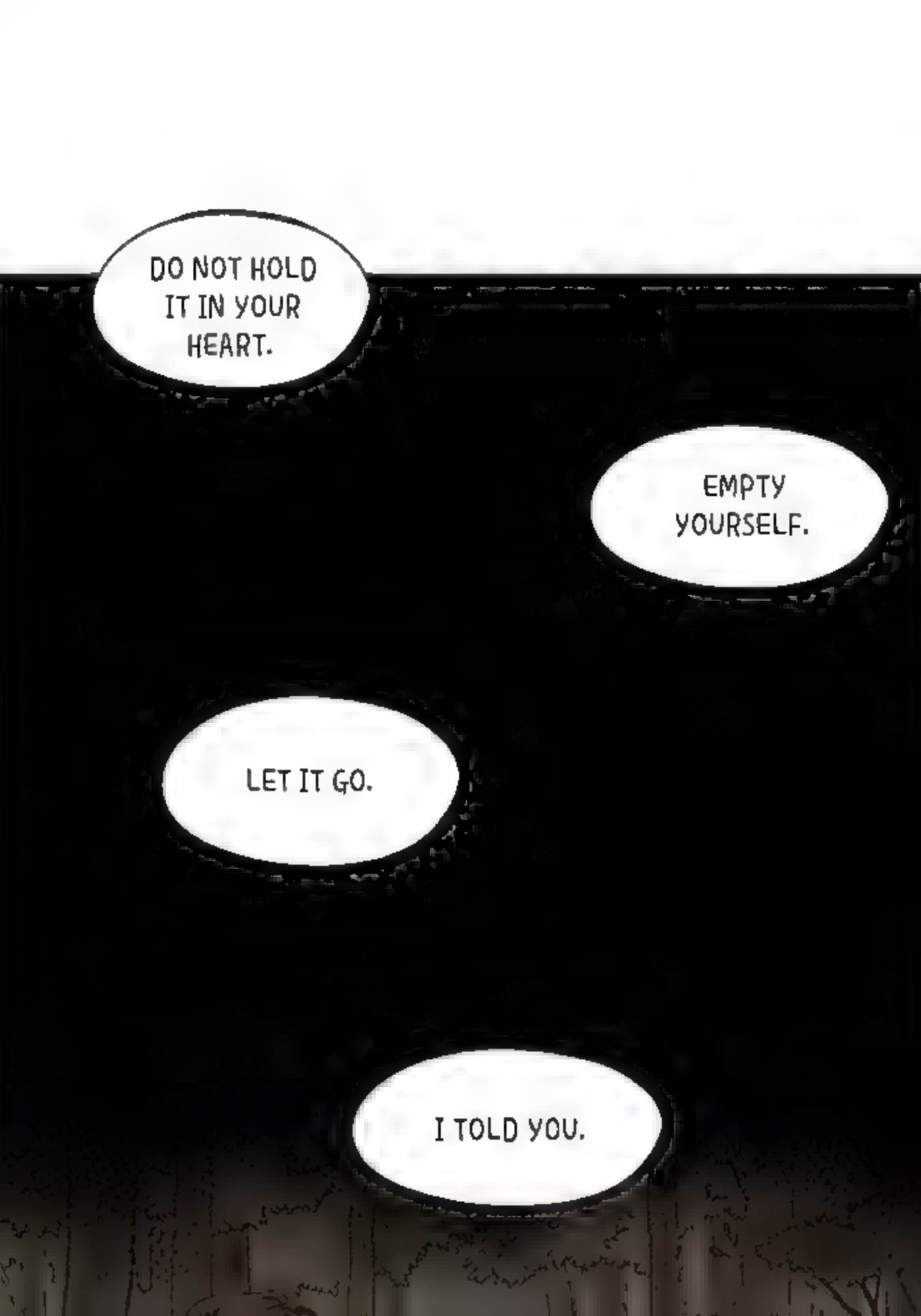
YOU ARE SPECIAL TO ME...

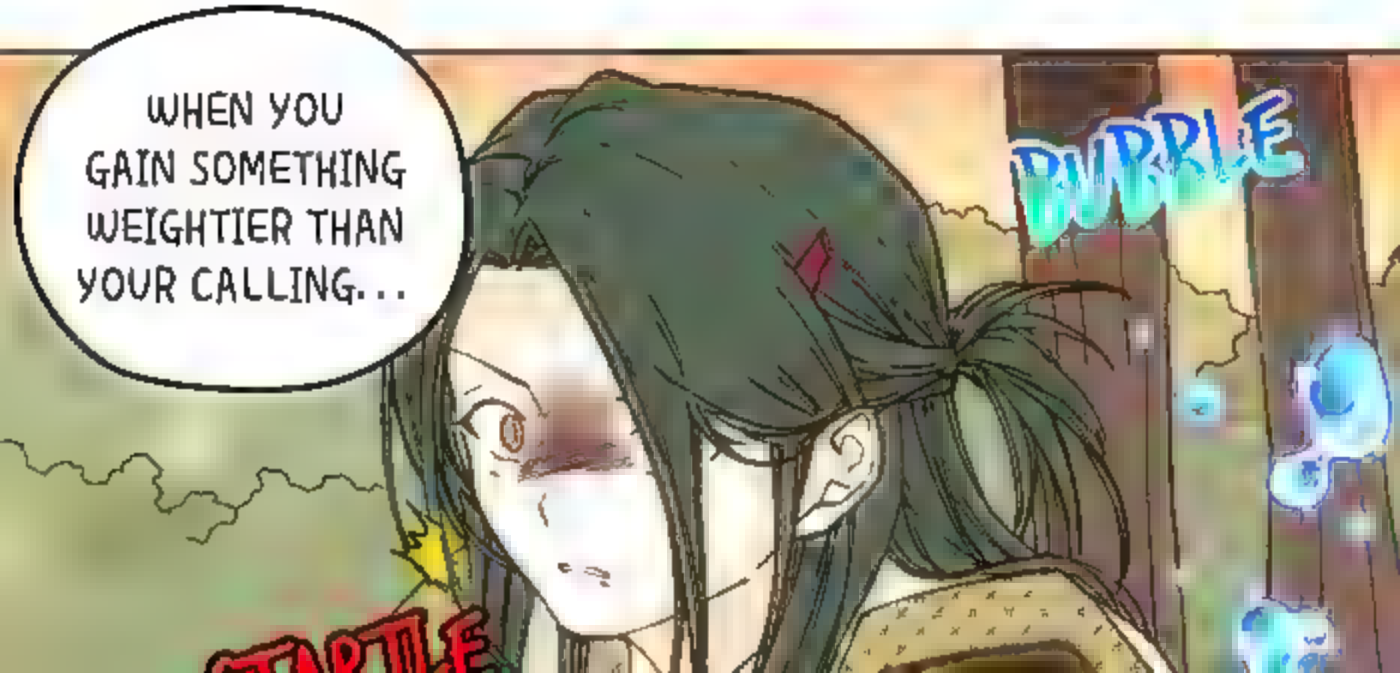

STEP
...BUT I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY ASSISTANCE BEFORE THE FINAL EXAM.
GO.

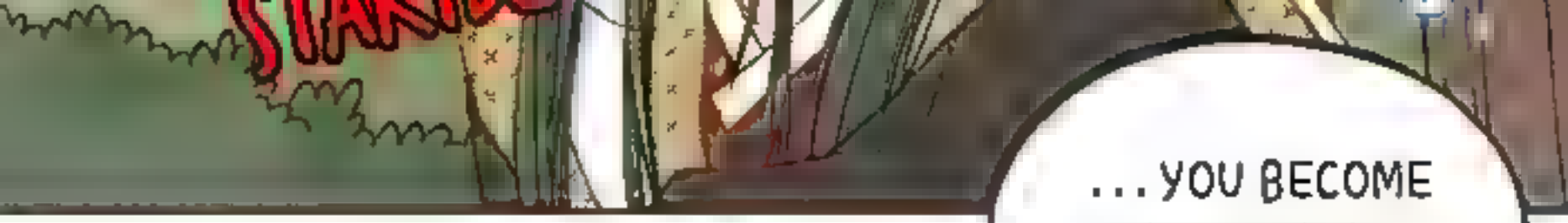
WAIT--
I DON'T WANT
GRAB

TO USE FORCE ON YOU, LORD YISHIMI!
PLEASE TELL ME!

...
I WARNED YOU SO MANY TIMES...
SIGH


DO NOT HOLD IT IN YOUR HEART.
EMPTY YOURSELF.
LET IT GO.
I TOLD YOU.

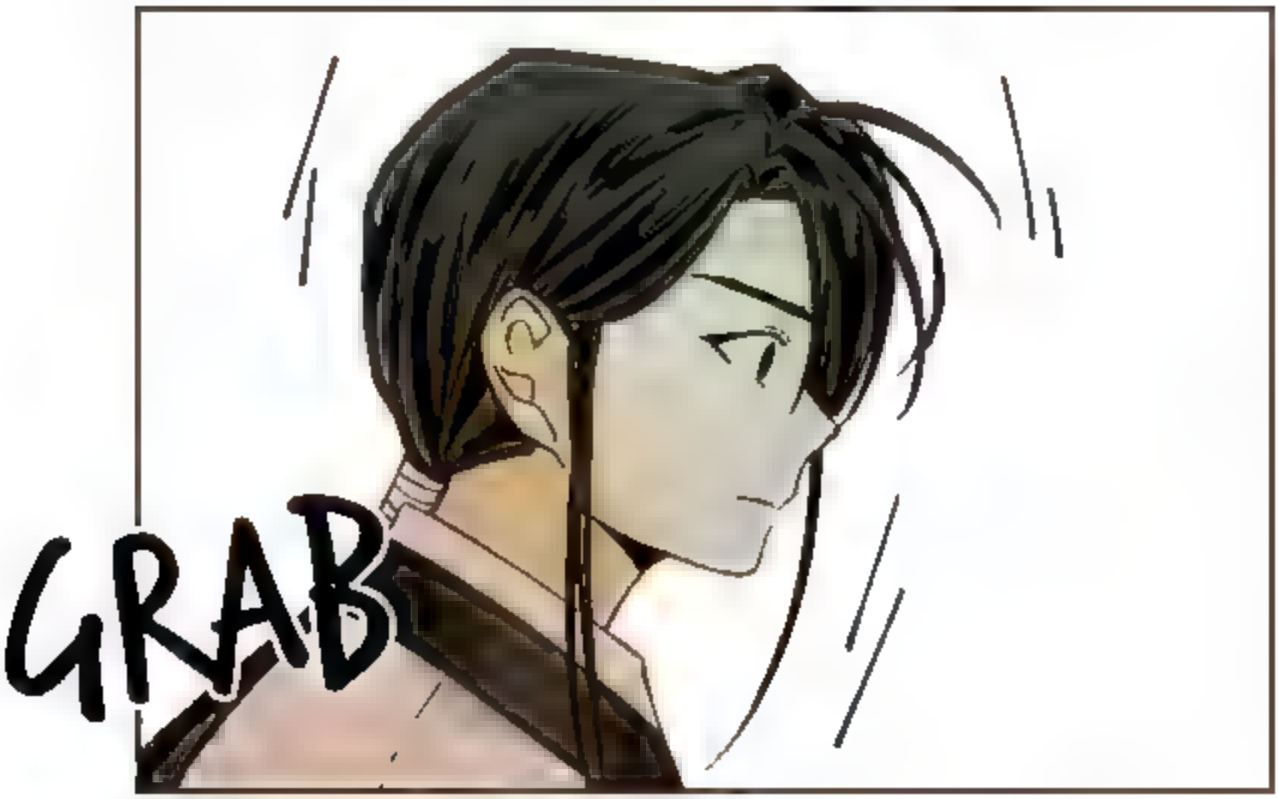

WHEN YOU GAIN SOMETHING WEIGHTIER THAN YOUR CALLING...
BUBBLE


...YOU BECOME UNIMAGINABLY DULL.

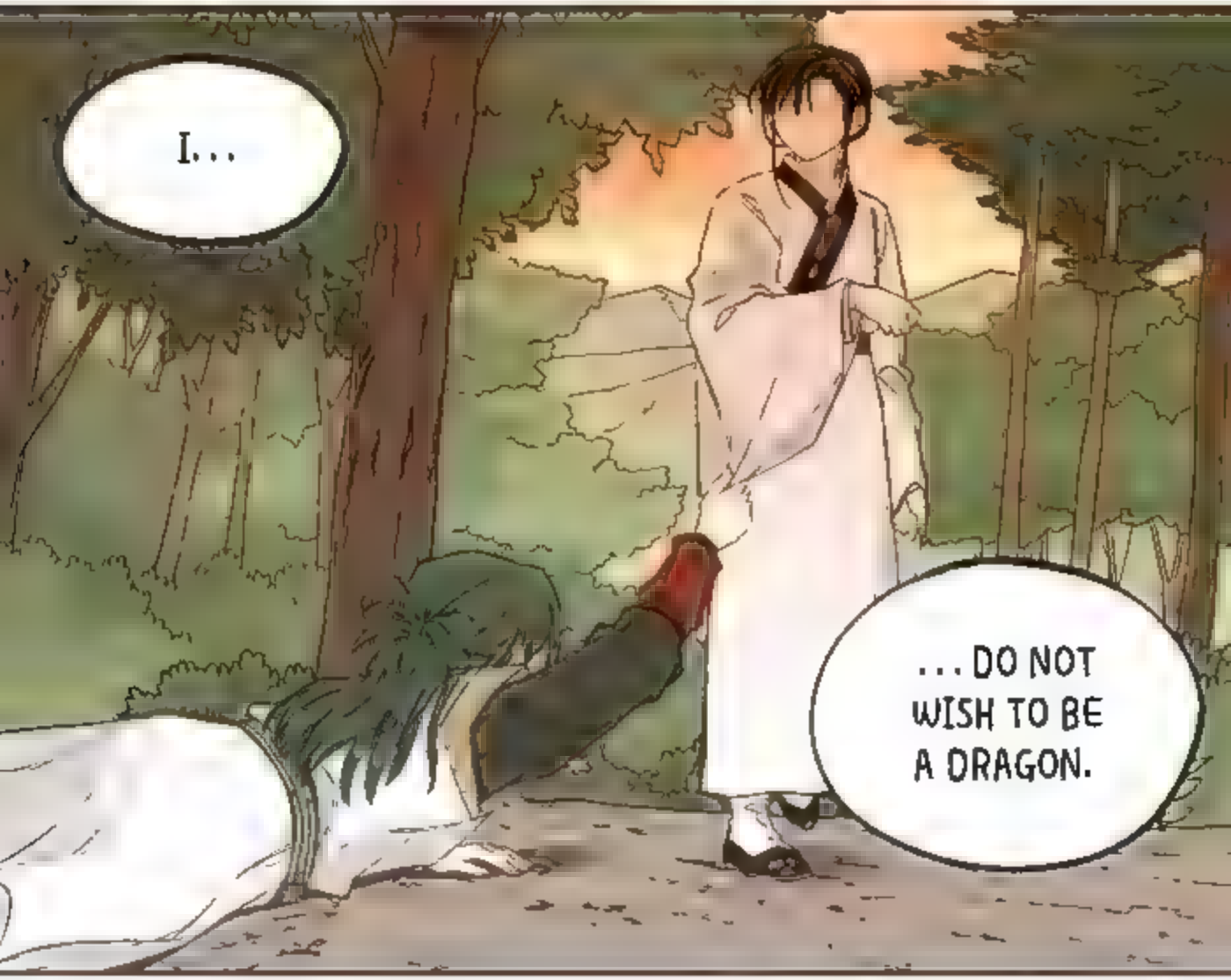
FWOOSH
GUH...!

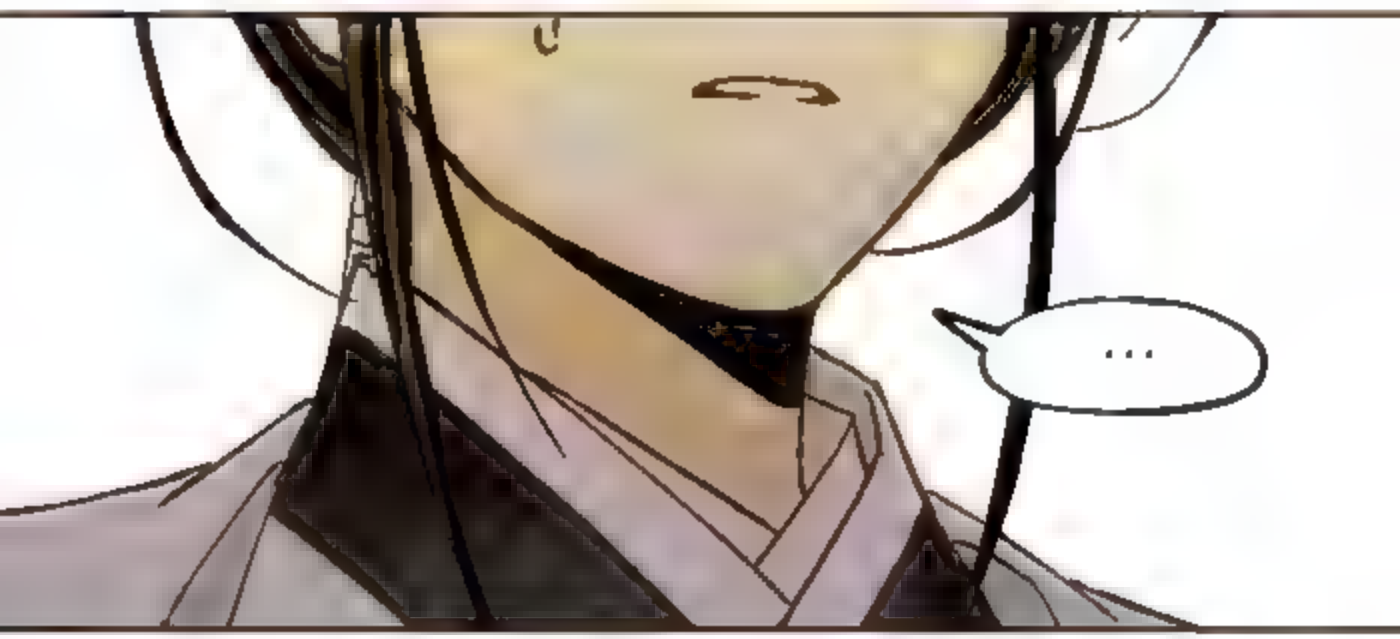
CRASH
AGH...

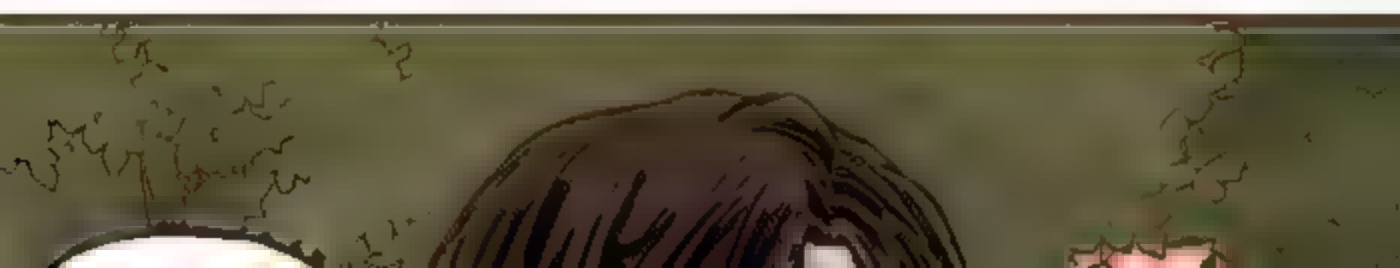
I WILL STOP NOW, SINCE IT IS YOU.
COUGH
GO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
COUGH


GRAB

THIS IS...
...ALL I HAVE NOW.
THAT...
...GOES FOR ALL OF US WHO DESIRE TO BECOME DRAGONS.


I...
...DO NOT WISH TO BE A DRAGON.





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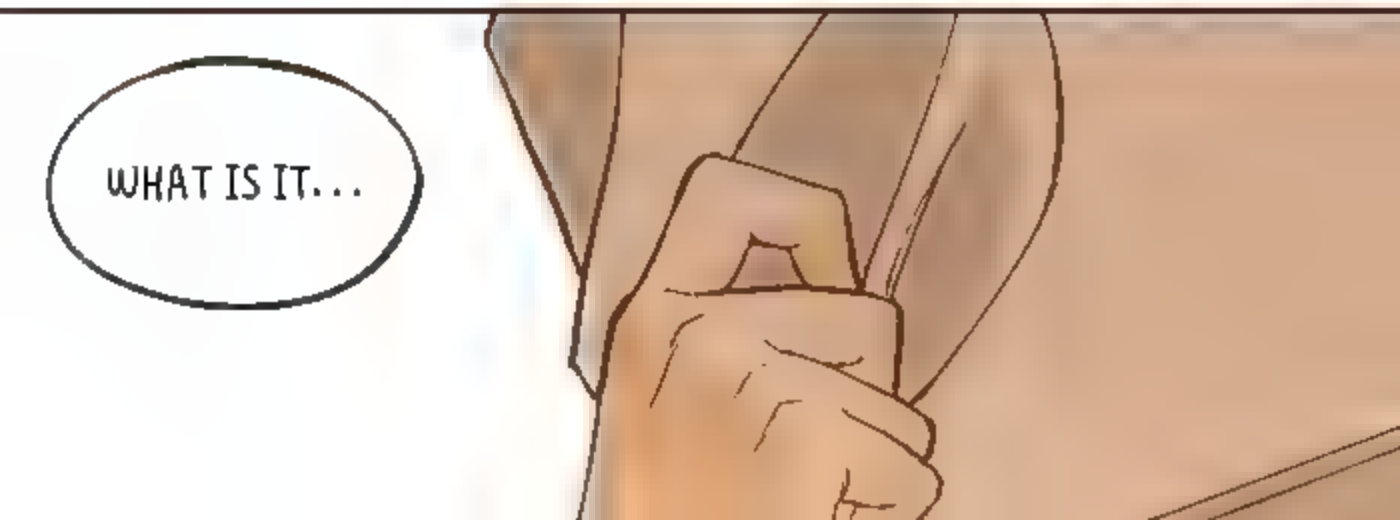
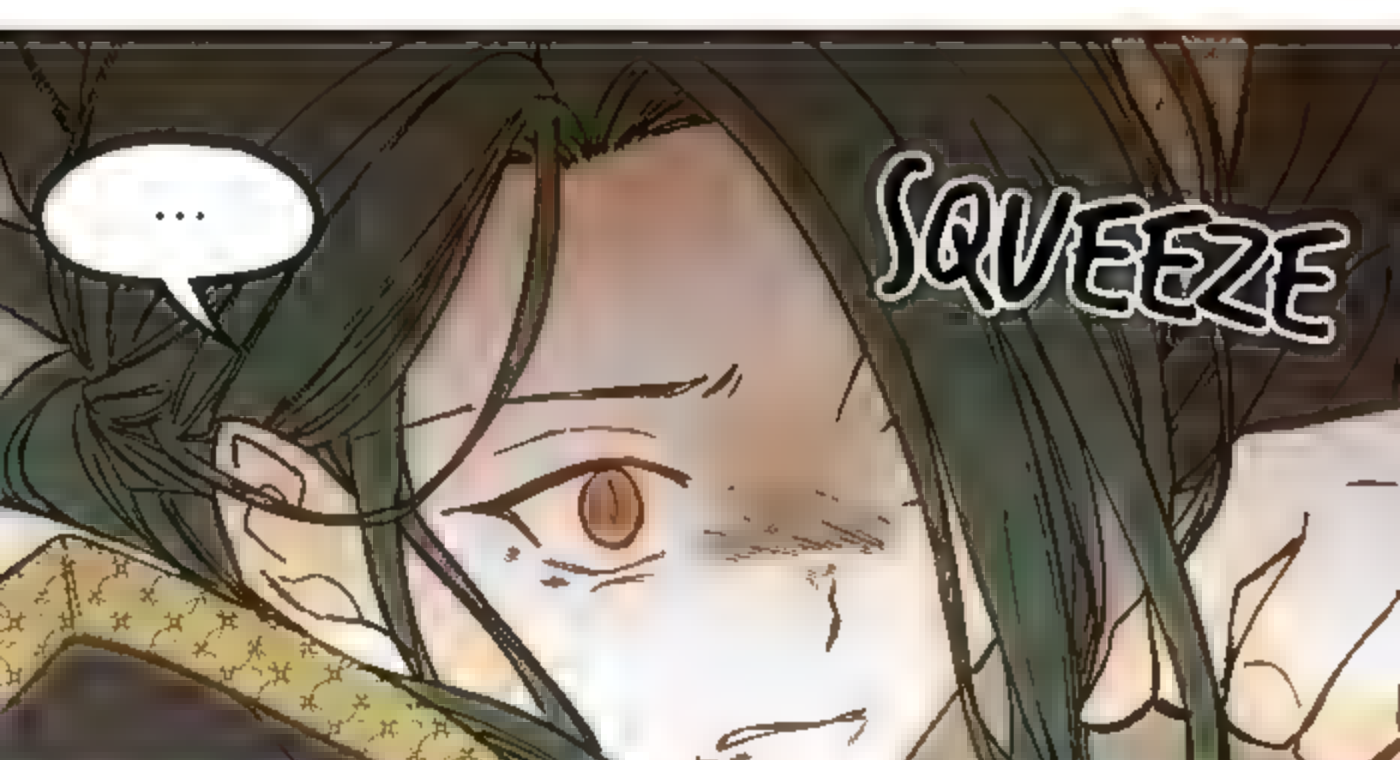
THEN...?

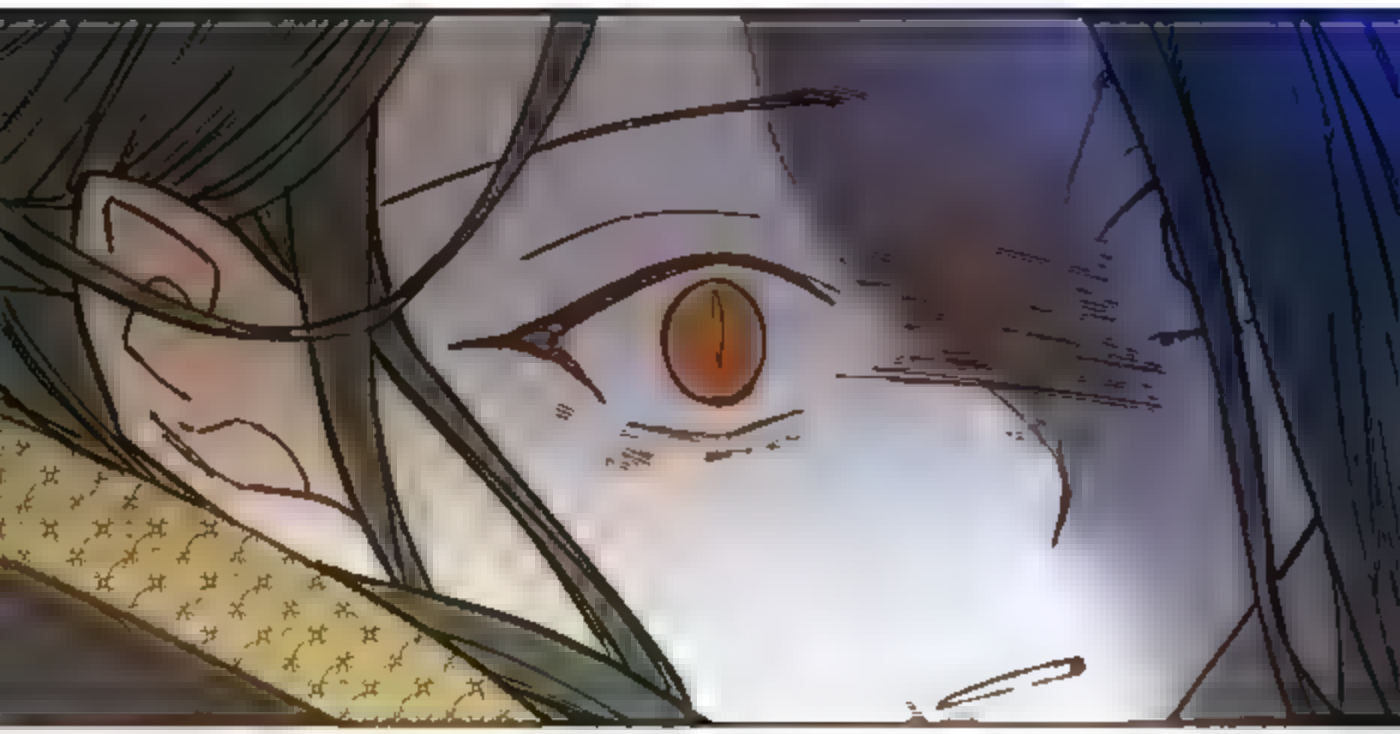

WHAT IS IT...

...THAT
YOU DESIRE?


...
SQUEEZE

SIGH...

YOU STILL...
FWISHHHH
...HAVE NOT EMPTIED YOUR MIND.



CRASH

How to become

A DRAGON

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SO.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU HAVE NO LEADS?

YUP!
WE DON'T KNOW!
WHY ARE YOU SO CONFIDENT WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...?

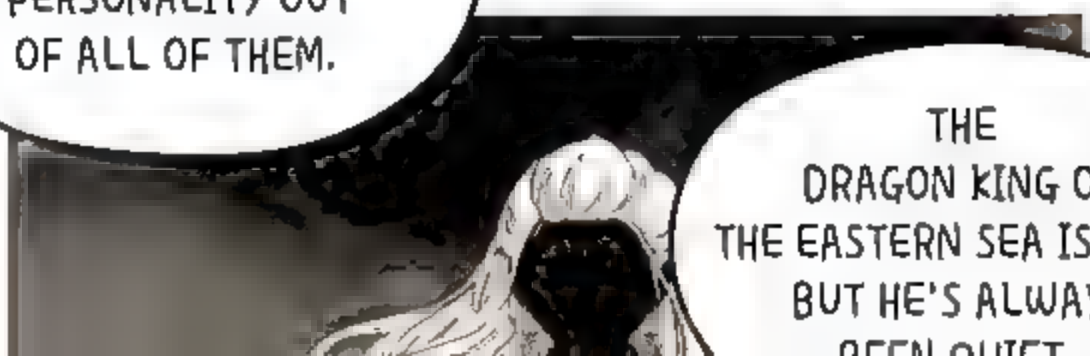
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN ALIVE FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ANYTHING

ABOUT THIS SINCE IT HAPPENED A FEW CENTURIES AGO?

WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AT SEA.

THE DRAGON KINGS ALL HAVE PRETTY STRONG PERSONALITIES, TOO.

I'VE HEARD A BIT ABOUT THE DRAGON KING OF THE WESTERN SEA, WHO HAS THE GENTLEST PERSONALITY OUT OF ALL OF THEM.



THE DRAGON KING OF THE EASTERN SEA IS SICK, BUT HE'S ALWAYS

BEEN QUIET.
THE DRAGON KING OF THE SOUTHERN SEA STAYS HOLED UP AT HOME, SO HE DOESN'T REALLY INTERACT WITH THE DRAGON KINGS.

AH,
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

AROUND 200 YEARS AGO...
FWOOM

...THERE
WAS A RUMOR
THAT A GIANT PILLAR
OF LIGHTNING CRASHED
INTO THE SOUTHERN
SEA.

A PILLAR OF LIGHTNING...
NOD
THAT MEANS THAT CHEONRYONG MADE A DIRECT ORDER.

IS THAT SOMETHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT?
MUNCH
ISN'T THAT THE SAME THING AS A CEO EMAILING A BRANCH MANAGER OR SOMETHING?
I GUESS THAT'S A BIG DEAL
NOT AT ALL!

CHEONRYONG IS

THE ELDEST OF ALL OF THE DRAGON KINGS,
AND SHE IS THE RULER OF ALL SNAKES, IMOOGIS, AND MORTAL CREATURES ON THIS EARTH.
HOWEVER, SHE RESPECTS THAT THE SEAS ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DRAGON KINGS.
YET SHE SENT LIGHTNING INTO THE SEA...

I WONDER WHAT SHE COMMANDED THE DRAGON KING TO DO.
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN ABOUT THEIR WORK IN THE SEA...

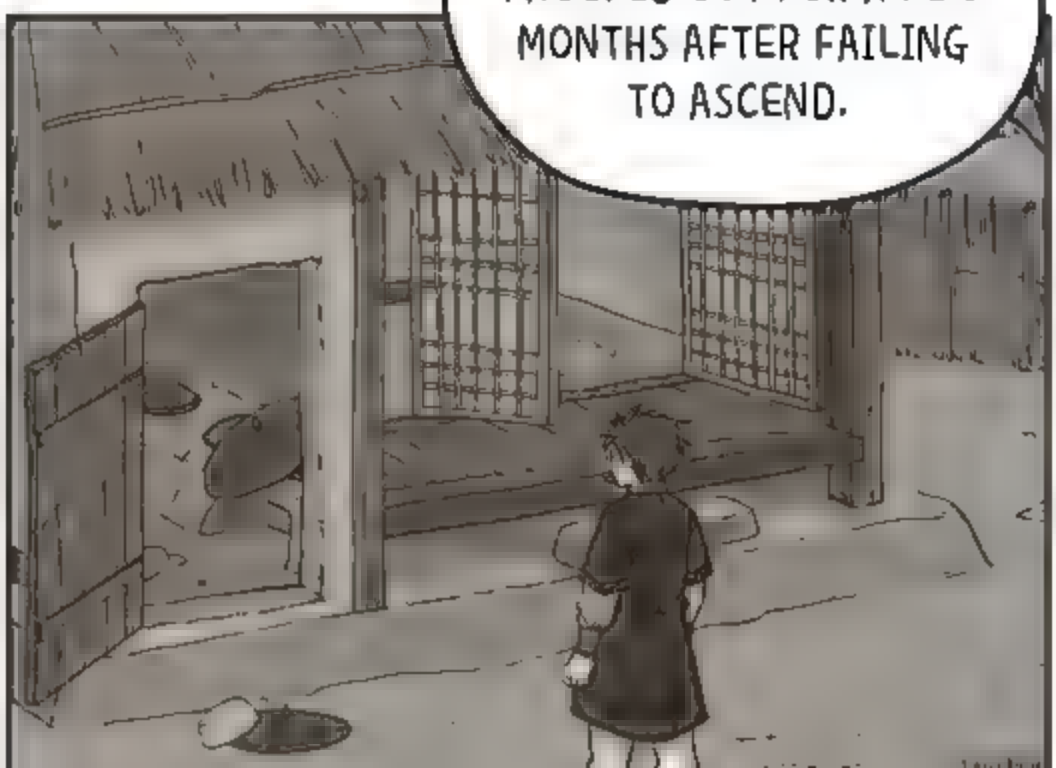
FROM THE WESTERN DRAGON KING'S PERSPECTIVE, THAT WOULD REALLY BE A BLOW TO THEIR PRIDE AND AUTHORITY.
THEY HAVE THE WORST RELATIONSHIP

WITH CHEONRYONG, TOO.
HUH, REALLY?
THEY'RE NEARLY AS STRONG AS CHEONRYONG.
APPARENTLY, THEY USED TO HAVE A VIOLENT PERSONALITY.

SO SOME SAY
THAT THEY RESENT
THAT THEY DIDN'T BECOME
THE RULER OF ALL
THINGS.

THERE ARE
A LOT OF RUMORS SINCE
THE WESTERN DRAGON KING
DOESN'T REVEAL THEIR
TRUE FORM.

AH... THAT'S BECAUSE...



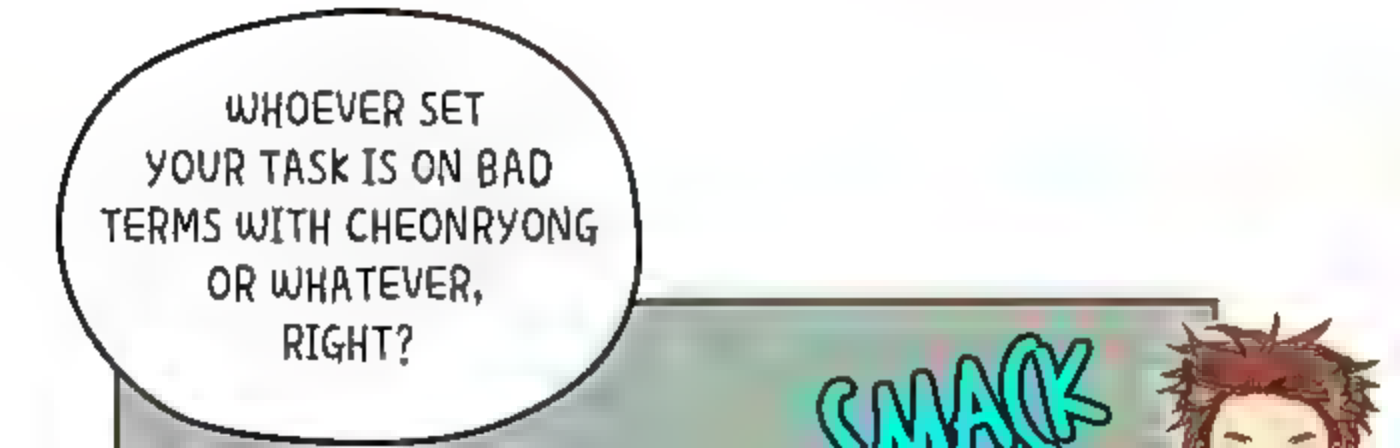
I ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT WHEN I WENT INTO THE VILLAGE AFTER MR. KIM DIED.

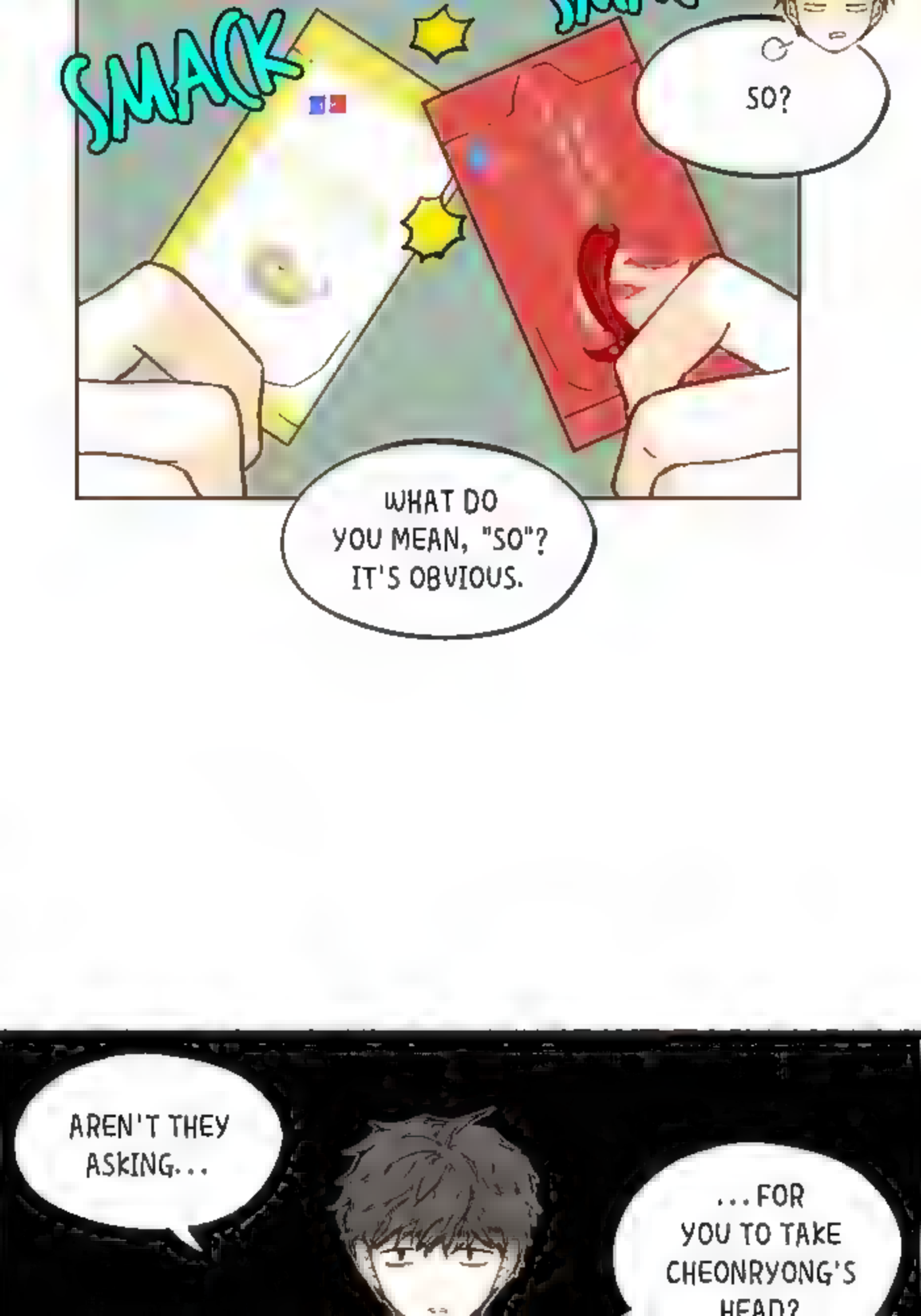
AH...
BACK THEN...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT THE SOUTHERN DRAGON KING WAS IN A RAGE.
THINGS WERE LOOKING BAD FOR THE SEAS, SO MAYBE CHEONRYONG CALMED

EVERYTHING DOWN?

WELL, IT'S DEFINITELY NOT A SEA CREATURE.
BUT A LAND ANIMAL CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THE SEA...
AH, WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE?!
WE TALKED ABOUT THIS EARLIER!

FORGET ALL OF THAT.
JUST TAKE THE SIMPLE APPROACH.
HUH?
HMM?
WHAT?


WHOEVER SET YOUR TASK IS ON BAD TERMS WITH CHEONRYONG OR WHATEVER, RIGHT?
SMACK


SMACK
SO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SO"? IT'S OBVIOUS.
AREN'T THEY ASKING...
...FOR YOU TO TAKE CHEONRYONG'S HEAD?

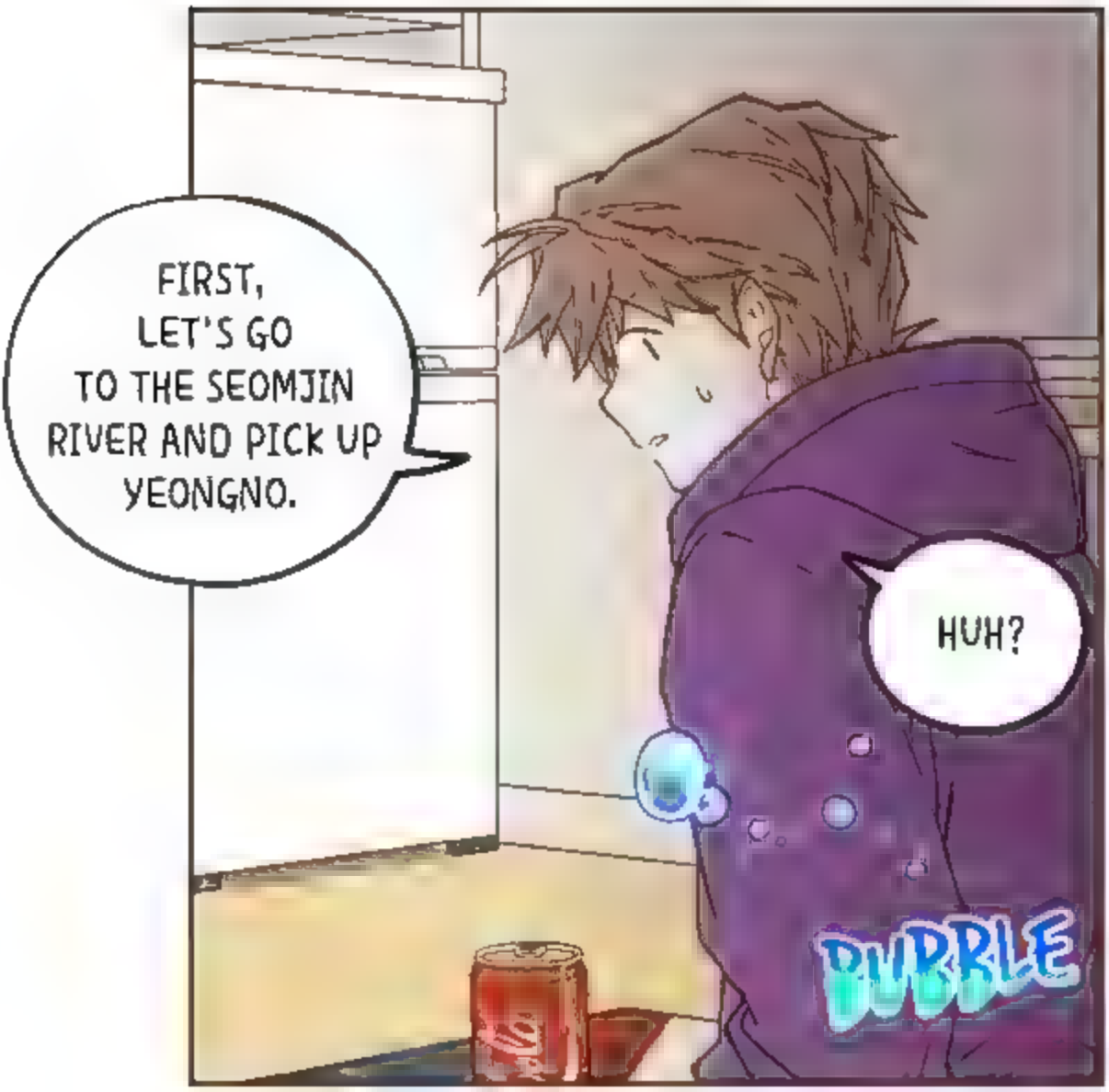
R·R·R·I·P
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... THEY'RE TAKING A EXAM, NOT STARTING A TREASONOUS REVOLUTION.

WHY WOULD THEY KILL THE HOST OF THE EXAM ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WELL, IT'S NOT THE EXAMINEES OR ANY LAND CREATURES, SO WHO ELSE WOULD IT BE, IF NOT THE LADY WHO LIVES UP THERE?
BUBBLE
L-LADY??
YOU HAVE THE WORST WAY

WITH WORDS...

EVERYONE, SHUT UP!

YOU'RE NO HELP AT ALL


FIRST, LET'S GO TO THE SEOMJIN RIVER AND PICK UP YEONGNO.
HUH?
BUBBLE

AAAAAH!!

FLAIL
YOUNG...?
AAAH!
AAH!!
OH...

W-W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
THIS IS...
IS THAT FLOATING REPTILE ONE OF THE WESTERN DRAGON KING'S UNDERLINGS?

NO...
THEY WORK FOR LORD YISHIMI.

LORD YISHIMI SENT US A LETTER...?

WHAT...?
DON'T YOU HAVE TO BE A DRAGON KING TO HAVE SERVANTS?

FLAP
RIGHT? CHEONRYONG HAS FAVORITES.
SO, WHAT'D HE SAY?
GRUMBLE

IT'S ABOUT YEONGNO.

HE SAYS THAT YEONGNO IS NEAR HIS POND...

...AND THAT WE SHOULD COME GET HIM.